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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE
SPEECH MADE BY SOVIET PRESIDENT NIKOLAY PODGORNYY AT STATE BAN-
QUET IN MOZAMBIQUE ON MARCH 29.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE SOVIET PEOPLE INVITED AND PRESENT, I
WANT TO THANK YOU MOST HEARTILY FOR THE WARM AND HOSPITABLE
WELCOME ACCORDED, FOR THE KIND WORDS ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND THE
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COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION. WE SEE IN THEM ANOTHER
DEMONSTRATION OF THE FRIENDLY FEELINGS OF THE MOZAMBIKAN PEOPLE
FOR THE SOVIET PEOPLE. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE SOVIET PEOPLE
MAINTAIN FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ITS
BRAVE PEOPLE THE SAME DEEP FEELINGS OF RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP.

WITH UTMOST PLEASURE, I TRANSMIT TO YOU COMRADE SAMORA MACHEL,

TO THE FRELIMO PARTY AND TO THE ENTIRE MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE THE WARM AND FRATERNAL WEL-WISHES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR AND OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE C.C. OF THE C.P.S.U. LEONID BREZHNEV, AND OF THE ENTIRE SOVIET PEOPLE.

LESS THAN A YEAR HAS LAPSED SINCE COMRADE MACHEL VISITED THE SOVIET UNION AT THE HEAD OF A PARTY AND A STATE DELEGATION. THE ELAPSED PERIOD IS NOT VERY LONG BUT THIS MEETING IS ALREADY YIELDING FRUITFUL RESULTS, AND THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS ARE ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED. OUR RELATIONS, MARKED BY THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, ARE BEING FULLY DEVELOPED ON A BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY OF RIGHTS, MUTUAL RESPECT, TRUST AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THE SOLID BASIS OF THE FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WAS LAUNCHED IN THAT FAR OFF PERIOD WHEN THE MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF FRELIMO, WITH GUNS IN HAND, ROSE TO ENGAGE IN THE SACRED STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO BECOME MASTER IN ITS OWN LAND. WE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE STRUGGLE OF THE MOZAMBICAN PATRIOTS.

THE CONTINUED SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES STRUGGLING AGAINST COLONIALISM, FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGES IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES OF THE LENINIST FOREIGN POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION. YOU MAY REST ASSURED, DEAR COMRADES, THAT WE HAVE NEVER RETREATED FROM THIS PRINCIPLE. THE SOVIET

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UNION DOES NOT ABANDON ITS FRIENDS IN THEIR TRYING HOURS.

THESE DAYS, THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE BUSY PREPARING THEMSELVES TO CELEBRATE IN A WORTHY MANNER THEIR GLORIOUS GOLDEN JUBILEE MARKING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT SOCIALIST REVOLUTION OF OCTOBER. HIGHLY CHARGED BY THE HISTORICAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE XXV CONGRESS OF THE CPSU, THE SOVIETS ARE WORKING WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM TO IMPLEMENT THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND TO LAUNCH A GREAT CAMPAIGN FOR THE TRIUMPH OF PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE ECHO OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION WHICH ANNOUNCED THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST STATE OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS IN THE WORLD IS STILL BEING HEARD TODAY.

IT IS HEARD IN THE VICTORIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BROKEN THE SHACKLES OF COLONIAL SLAVERY; IT REVERBERATES LIKE THE DEATH KNEEL OF IMPERIALIST SLAVERY, COLONIALISM AND RACISM.

IN HIS SPEECH AT THE XVI CONGRESS OF SOVIET SYNDICATES COMRADE BREZHNEV REMARKED: "OUR TIME IS THE TIME OF THE CONSTANT GROWTH OF THE HISTORICAL ROLE OF WORKERS. THE WORKERS ARE IN THE FRONT-LINE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS. THEY TAKE IN THEIR OWN HANDS THE DESTINY OF CIVILIZATION."

IN THE LAST YEARS THE PROCESS OF PROFOUND PROGRESSIVE CHANGE BOTH ON THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE HAS DEVELOPED WITH FAR GREATER VEHEMENCE. A LARGE GROUP OF STATES HAVE EMERGED THAT NOT ONLY DECLARE AS THEIR OBJECTIVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM, BUT THAT HAVE ALSO EMBARKED UPON PRACTICAL COURSES TOWARDS SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE OCCUPIES AN HONORABLE PLACE AMONG THESE STATES THE CREATION, IN THE RECENTLY HELD III CONGRESS OF THE FRELIMO, OF A VANGUARD PARTY OF WORKERS, GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM, IS A HISTORICAL EVENT FOR BOTH MOZAMBIQUE

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AND ALL OF AFRICA.

THE WAY TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM IS HISTORICALLY THE SHORTEST AND ONLY PLAUSIBLE WAY OPEN FROM MISERY AND DEPRIVATION TO THE HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

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TO SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOW THIS ROUTE, IT IS NECESSARY TO APPRAISE SCRUPULOUSLY AND EVERYWHERE THE REAL CONDITIONS AND POSSIBILITIES, AS WELL AS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PECULIAR FEATURES AND TRADITIONS OF EACH COUNTRY. IN THIS WAY THE DIFFICULTIES ARE UN-AVOIDABLE, AS WELL AS COLLISIONS WITH IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS, THEIR AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS, AND ATTEMPTS TO INTIMIDATE AND DIVIDE THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES. TO OVERCOME MANY OF THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS ONE FACES IN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE, CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS, ENERGY, ABNEGATION AND FIRMNESS ARE DEMANDED. BUT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU A GREAT OBJECTIVE. YOU HAVE A REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE, A SURE MARINER'S COMPASS: THE MARXIST-LENINIST THEORY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SOCIETY. IN YOUR CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY YOU HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING THE ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE OF OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS TO ENJOY

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THEIR SUPPORT.

COMRADE BREZHNEV STRESSED IN THE XXV CONGRESS OF THE CPSU: "IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS ELSEWHERE, WE ARE BY THE SIDE OF THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES, OF DEMOCRACY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, AND WE DEAL WITH THESE COUNTRIES AS BROTHERS AND COMRADES IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE." RIGHTLY, IT IS THIS REAL AND FUNDAMENTAL IDENTITY OF INTERESTS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM THAT CREATES A SOLID BASIS FOR CLOSE STATE RELATIONS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIBERATED PEOPLES WITH THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS AND COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

THESE WORDS, NATURALLY, REFER TO ALL AND BY ALL TO THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF AFRICA, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH HAVE AP-PEARED ON THE WORLD POLITICAL MAP IN RECENT YEARS. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA ARE NOT MERELY TWO NEW PROGRESSIVE STATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY ARE BOTH ON THE CREST OF A POWERFUL ANTI-COLONIAL AND ANTI-RACIST WAVE. IS IT NOT SYMBOLIC THAT YOUR FRONTIERS WITH RHODESIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ARE NOT MERELY BOUNDARY LINES BETWEEN STATES, BUT HAVE BECOME FRONTIERS OF CLASS? FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA BLOW THE WINDS OF LIBERTY THAT ANIMATE THE PATRIOTS OF ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE DEMANDS FOR TERMINATING THE SUPREMACY OF THE RACISTS ARE

BECOMING MORE INSISTENT EACH DAY. ALL OF PROGRESSIVE MANKIND, ALL THE HONEST PEOPLE OF OUR WORLD OPENLY SUPPORT THESE DEMANDS. BUT, CONTRARY TO THE WINDS OF HISTORY, THE RACISTS STUBBORNLY REFUSE TO UNDERSTAND IN WHICH CENTURY THEY ARE LIVING, AND THEY TRY TO MAINTAIN THE OLD COLONIAL STATUS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN IMPERIALIST CIRCLES.

THE STAND OF THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IS QUITE CLEAR: WE ADVOCATE THE IMMEDIATE REALIZATION OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION, THE LIQUIDATION OF "APARTHEID" AND RACISM IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT DELAY OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM NAMIBIA AND THE COMPLETE AND UNRESERVED TRANSFER OF FULL POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

THE WAY WHICH THE PEOPLE RESOLVE THESE TASKS DEPENDS UPON THEMSELVES. IN KEEPING WITH THE SITUATION AND THE CONDITIONS, THEY ARE FREE TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER MEANS OF STRUGGLE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ALL THE PROBLEMS IS MOST DESIRED. BUT AS THE RIGHTS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO LIBERTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ARE BEING NEGLECTED, THE ASPIRATIONS OF THESE PEOPLE THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE. NOW, THE WESTERN PRESS IS TRYING TO FRIGHTEN WORLD PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT SUCH A PERSPECTIVE. WHAT CAN BE SAID IN THIS REGARD? ONLY ONE THING: DEAR SIR, TRANSFER THE POWER TO THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION, THAT IS, TO THE AFRICANS THROUGH THEIR LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEREBY PUT AN END TO THE SYSTEM OF "APARTHEID," AND THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED.

EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN IN A CONVINCING MANNER THAT THE SUCCESS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST NEO-COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED ACTIONS OF THE LIBERATED STATES, THE FOSTERING OF CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, AND COOPERATING WITH ALL THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE WORLD.

STILL MORE IMPERATIVE TODAY IS THE NEED FOR A GREATER SENSE OF VIGILANCE, THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST COHESION OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM.

IN RECENT YEARS GREAT VICTORIES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE ACHIEVED IN CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE. UNDOUBTEDLY, A SLOW DOWN IN THE ARMS RACE, A SOLUTION OF THE URGENT PROBLEM OF DISARMAMENT, THE LIQUIDATION OF THE DANGER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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NUCLEAR WAR, WOULD OPEN FOR THE WHOLE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, NEW AND FAVORABLE PERSPECTIVES FOR THEIR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT. WITHOUT A DOUBT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR INTERNATIONAL DETENT TO ACHIEVE THE IDEA OF MAKING THE AFRICAN CONTINENT A ZONE FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE RACISTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO EVENTUALLY BECOME A NUCLEAR POWER WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY INADMISSABLE.

DEAR COMRADES:

WE HAIL THE SUCCESSES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IN THE REINFORCEMENT OF ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STAND. WE ARE PLEASED AT THE GROWING UNITY OF ACTION IN OUR COUNTRIES STRUGGLING FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF PEACE, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT.

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PLEASE PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THIS VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE SHALL FOSTER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND REINFORCE THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN THE SOVIET UNION THEY KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE GREAT PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION BEING MADE BY THE OUTSTANDING MOZAMBIQUE LEADER, FIGHTER FOR THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES, THE PRESIDENT OF *43)8.9, THE PRSIDENT OF THE 0390)3'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE COMRADE SAMORA MACHEL, IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND RACISM.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF OUR DEAR FRIEND COMRADE SAMORA MACHEL AND HIS WIFE:

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TO THE HEALTH OF ALL THE MOZAMBICAN FRIENDS PRESENT:

TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FRATERNAL SOVIET-MOZAMBICAN FRIENDSHIP:

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